

USAID reimburse the District for costs associated with deployment of its USAR Task Force to national and international disasters.

District personnel fill most positions of the USAR Task Force. However, some of the positions must sometimes be recruited from other local agencies. Authorization is requested for the Fire Chief to enter into memoranda of understanding with various agencies to use their personnel and/or equipment on the District's USAR Task Force, and to reimburse these agencies their costs as allowed and funded under FEMA and USAID guidelines.

As the sponsoring agency for the USAR Task Force, the District will receive reimbursement from FEMA for all activities associated with the deployment of USAR Task Force members, including those members recruited from local agencies. Local agencies cannot seek reimbursement directly from FEMA; their costs must be included as part of the overall cost of the District's USAR Task Force. This action will enable local agencies to recover their costs through the District. Reimbursable costs include, but are not limited to, personnel salary and employee benefits, overhead, and travel, and will be defined in the MOU between the District and each participating agency.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

None. All costs incurred by the District will be reimbursed by FEMA and/or has been provided for through grant funding.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

FEMA and USAID have provided the District with operational guidelines that detail the activities and costs eligible for reimbursement.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES OR PROJECTS

The District will be authorized to recruit and train very qualified members for its USAR Task Force for deployment to national and international disasters, which costs are funded by FEMA and/or USAID.

Respectfully submitted,



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